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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 44

(Item II.A.19 on the Agenda)

Reference documents :

42.472 (RSC/18)  
42.500, Annex B/15 (RSC/18 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 18<sup>th</sup> Session, the Harmonized System Review Sub-Committee examined possible amendments to Subheading Note 1 to Chapter 44 and to the structure of headings 44.07 and 44.08, as suggested by Brazil. There was no objection in the Sub-Committee for introducing the proposed types of wood in Subheading Note 1 to Chapter 44. However, it agreed that further discussions at its next session were needed concerning :
  - (i) the appropriate reference (i.e., “Balata Blanc” or “Curupixá”) in Subheading Note 1 to Chapter 44; and
  - (ii) the proposed subheadings for “Pau Amarelo” wood in headings 44.07 and 44.08.
2. The latter point should be discussed on the basis of trade statistics and any supporting evidence regarding the environmental importance of this category of wood, to be provided by Brazil.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

3. The Secretariat would like to inform the Sub-Committee that, at the time of preparing this document, it had not yet received the information requested by the Sub-Committee.

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### **Subheading Note 1 to Chapter 44**

4. The Secretariat would like to point out that, since the Sub-Committee did not object to the proposals to insert references to “Mandioqueira”, “Pau Amarelo”, “Quaruba” and “Tauari”, it has reproduced them in the Annex to this document without square brackets. It has, however, kept the references to “Curupixá” (as suggested by Brazil) and to “Balata Blanc” (suggested by the Secretariat as an alternative) in square brackets, pending the outcome of the discussions.
5. The Secretariat suggested in Doc. 42.472 (paragraph 11) the insertion of a reference to “Balata Blanc” instead of “Curupixá”, since it had been unable to find a reference to the latter term in the tropical Timber Atlas of Latin America. However, during the last session, the United States Delegate presented a technical note to the Secretariat, arguing not to use the pilot name “Balata Blanc” (which refers to the genus *Micropholis*), since this term was very similar to the pilot name “Balata blanca”, which refers to the genera *Cynodendron* and *Chrysophyllum*. The only pilot name associated with the genus *Micropholis* found by the US was “Grumixava”. The Secretariat also found this term, but indicated that it was used as one of the trade names and not as a pilot name (Doc. 42.472, paragraph 11). The Secretariat leaves it to the Sub-Committee to decide this question and has reproduced the term suggested by the US in Subheading Note 1 to Chapter 44, as a second alternative. Both alternatives and the original proposal of Brazil have been placed in square brackets in the Annex to this document.

### **Subheadings 4407.27 and 4408.32**

6. The Brazilian Administration had proposed the insertion of a specific entry for “Pau Amarelo” wood in headings 44.07 and 44.08. The Sub-Committee felt, however, that trade statistics and supporting evidence regarding the environmental importance of this category of wood should be provided before a final decision could be taken. Given the fact that no information has been received from Brazil or any other interested party so far, the Secretariat has little to add to its initial comments in Doc. 42.472, paragraph 12.
7. If the Sub-Committee can accept the proposed entries, it should also decide whether the scientific name (i.e., *Euxylophora paraensis*) should be included in the text of the subheadings concerned or not. In the present structured Nomenclature of Chapter 44, only references to beech, mahogany and oak are accompanied by a scientific name.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

8. The Sub-Committee is invited to examine the proposal from the Brazilian Administration, as indicated in paragraph 1 above, taking into account the Secretariat’s comments in paragraphs 3 to 7 above and, if appropriate, to examine the draft amendments to the Nomenclature set out in the Annex.

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ANNEXE

PROJET DE REMANIEMENT DE LA NOTE 1 DE SOUS-POSITIONS  
DU CHAPITRE 44 ET DE LA NOMENCLATURE STRUCTUREE  
DE CERTAINES POSITIONS DU CHAPITRE 44  
(Point II.A.19 de l'ordre du jour)

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ANNEX

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO SUBHEADING NOTE 1 TO CHAPTER 44  
AND TO THE STRUCTURED NOMENCLATURE OF  
CERTAIN HEADINGS OF CHAPTER 44  
(Item II.A.19 on Agenda)



PROCEDURE DE L'ARTICLE 16

AMENDEMENT DE LA NOMENCLATURE

CHAPITRE 44.

1. Note 1 de sous-positions.

Nouvelle rédaction :

"1.- Au sens des n°s 4403.41 à 4403.49, 4407.24 à 4407.29, 4408.31 à 4408.39 et 4412.13 à 4412.99, on entend par *bois tropicaux* les types de bois suivants :

Abura, Acajou d'Afrique, Afrormosia, Ako, Alan, Andiroba, Aningré, Avodiré, Azobé, [**Balata Blanc.**] Balau, Balsa, Bossé clair, Bossé foncé, Cativo, Cedro, [**Curupixá.**] Dabema, Dark Red Meranti, Dibétou, Doussié, Framiré, Freijo, Fromager, Fuma, Geronggang, [**Grumixava.**] Ilomba, Imbuia, Ipé, Iroko, Jaboty, Jelutong, Jequitiba, Jongkong, Kapur, Kempas, Keruing, Kosipo, Kotibé, Koto, Light Red Meranti, Limba, Louro, Maçaranduba, Mahogany, Makoré, Mandioqueira, Mansonia, Mengkulang, Meranti Bakau, Merawan, Merbau, Merpauh, Mersawa, Moabi, Niangon, Nyatoh, Obeche, Okoumé, Onzabili, Orey, Ovengkol, Ozigo, Padauk, Paldao, Palissandre de Guatemala, Palissandre de Para, Palissandre de Rio, Palissandre de Rose, Pau Amarelo, Pau Marfim, Pulai, Punah, Quaruba, Ramin, Sapelli, Saqui-Saqui, Sepetir, Sipo, Sucupira, Suren, Teak, Tauari, Tiama, Tola, Virola, White Luan, White Meranti, White Seraya, Yellow Meranti."

[2. Nouveau N° 4407.27.

Insérer la nouvelle sous-position suivante :

"4407.27 -- Pau Amarelo (*Euxylophora paraensis*)".

3. Nouveau N° 4408.32.

Insérer la nouvelle sous-position suivante :

"4408.32 -- Pau Amarelo (*Euxylophora paraensis*)."]

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ARTICLE 16 PROCEDURE

AMENDMENT TO THE NOMENCLATURE

CHAPTER 44.

1. Subheading Note 1.

Delete and substitute :

"1.- For the purposes of subheadings Nos. 4403.41 to 4403.49, 4407.24 to 4407.29, 4408.31 to 4408.39 and 4412.13 to 4412.99, the expression "tropical wood" means one of the following types of wood :

Abura, Acajou d'Afrique, Afrormosia, Ako, Alan, Andiroba, Aningré, Avodiré, Azobé, [**Balata Blanc,**] Balau, Balsa, Bossé clair, Bossé foncé, Cativo, Cedro, [**Curupixá,**] Dabema, Dark Red Meranti, Dibétou, Doussié, Framiré, Freijo, Fromager, Fuma, Geronggang, [**Grumixava,**] Ilomba, Imbuia, Ipé, Iroko, Jaboty, Jelutong, Jequitiba, Jongkong, Kapur, Kempas, Keruing, Kosipo, Kotibé, Koto, Light Red Meranti, Limba, Louro, Maçaranduba, Mahogany, Makoré, Mandioqueira, Mansonia, Mengkulang, Meranti Bakau, Merawan, Merbau, Merpauh, Mersawa, Moabi, Niangon, Nyatoh, Obeche, Okoumé, Onzabili, Orey, Ovengkol, Ozigo, Padauk, Paldao, Palissandre de Guatemala, Palissandre de Para, Palissandre de Rio, Palissandre de Rose, Pau Amarelo, Pau Marfim, Pulai, Punah, Quaruba, Ramin, Sapelli, Saqui-Saqui, Sepetir, Sipo, Sucupira, Suren, Teak, Tauari, Tiama, Tola, Virola, White Lauan, White Meranti, White Seraya, Yellow Meranti."

[2. New subheading 4407.27.

Insert the following new subheading :

"4407.27 -- Pau Amarelo (*Euxylophora paraensis*)".

3. New subheading 4408.32.

Insert the following new subheading :

"4408.32 -- Pau Amarelo (*Euxylophora paraensis*)."]

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